MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartigapalli*) : May I ask whether any immediate steps will be taken to relieve distress in the coastal areas and the places bordering the backwaters in respect of supply of drinking water?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Government will take measures.

Progress of P. W. D. Works.

205 *MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: Will the Government be pleased to state the progress of the following works with the amounts sanctioned in 1119 and 1120, and the amounts spent in 1119:—

(*a*) Improvements to the Kothamangalam Sub-Registry Office;
(*b*) Kuruppampady Kootical road;
(*c*) the Central Cross road:
(*d*) Varapetty Neduvakad road *via* Pothanikad;
(*e*) Thodupuzha Kaloor road;
(*f*) Metalling the Perumpamkuttu road;
(*g*) Kothamangalam Thrikariyur road;
(*h*) Muvattupuzha Arakuzha road with deviation: and
(*i*) improvements to Chittuvara Vattayada road?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) to (*i*) A *statement containing the information is laid on the table.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: Sir, with reference to Appendix II, some amounts have been granted for these works for 1119 and 1120 out of which a portion has been spent. May I know whether the amount sanctioned for these works in 1119 and 1120 will stand to the credit of these works, except the amounts which have been spent on the works?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Yes, they will continue to the credit of these works.

Water scarcity at Parassala.

206 *MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is water scarcity at Parassala?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Yes.

Tovala Channel.

207 *MR. S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Chief Engineer has submitted any report to the Government with regard to improvements to be effected immediately to the Tovala Channel;
(*b*) if so, what they are; and
(*c*) has any action been taken by the Government on the report and if so, what works have been carried out so far?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Providing lining for 25 miles length of the Tovala channel etc.

(*c*) Yes. The work will soon begin.

*Vide Appendix II.

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